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SUBJECT:INFORMATIQUE DELEGATION VISIT

REF: A) LIBREVILLE 1667; B) LIBREVILLE 1737

1. CU/IVP/V HAS PROJECT IN HAND AND HAS AMPLE TIME TO ORGANIZE FULL SCHEDULE FOR PERIOD DECEMBER 1-15. SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOLLOWS SHORTLY.

2. IN MEANTIME, WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING FOLLOWING INFORMATION ASAP: (A) FIRM ETA FOR GROUP; (B) BIO DATA FOR EACH DELEGATION MEMBER; (C) WHETHER INTERPRETER-ESCORT WILL BE REQUIRED; (D) WHETHER DELEGATION WANTS US TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS, AND IF SO, DESIRED PRICE RANGE AND SPECIFIC PREFERENCES (E.G., MADISON IN WASHINGTON); AND (E) ANY SPECIFIC CITIES OR INSTALLATIONS DELEGATION MAY WISH VISIT.

3. AMONG OTHER STOPS, WILL ATTEMPT ARRANGE VISIT TO
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BUREAU OF CENSUS (PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF PREVIOUS CONTACT

WITH GABON-BASED INSTITUT AFRICAINE D'INFORMATIQUE) AND OF COURSE IBM. RE ASSISTANCE, WILL SCHEDULE APPOINTMENTS WITH AID/SER/IT (COMPUTER TRAINING IN US), AID/AFR/CWR (TRAINING IN GABON), AND EXIMBANK.

4. SER/IT, AS POST AWARE, HELPS ARRANGE TRAINING IN U.S. AT EXPENSE OF REQUESTING GOVERNMENT. SUCH TRAINING COULD TAKE SEVERAL FORMS: (A) 2-YEAR MASTER'S COURSE AT UNIVERSITY (FOR POTENTIAL COMPUTER SCIENCE INSTRUCTORS); (B) 8 MONTH-1 YEAR COURSE IN SPECIALIZED INSTITUTION (FOR TECHNICIANS); OR (C) TRAINING CONDUCTED BY COMPUTER MANUFACTURER (USUALLY IN CONNECTION WITH EQUIPMENT PURCHASE).

5. AFR/CWR IS STUDYING POSSIBLE APPROACHES TO ASSISTANCE AND WILL PROVIDE POST WITH PRELIMINARY REACTION PRIOR TO DELEGATION'S DEPARTURE FROM GABON. EXIMBANK, AS POST AWARE, IS OPEN TO LOAN REQUESTS FROM GOG FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASES, AND WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH DELEGATION. WE ARE ALSO LOOKING INTO POSSIBLE FORD FOUNDATION INTEREST. KISSINGER

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